

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested for the following reasons:

1. Amendments to Specification and Claims—Objection Under 35 USC §112, 1st Paragraph

The specification and claims have been amended to correct numerous grammatical and idiomatic errors, and to place the application in proper U.S. format.

It is respectfully submitted that the amendments to the specification fulfil the requirement in item 1 on page 2 of the Official Action for a “substitute specification in proper idiomatic English,” and that the amendments overcome the objection to the claims in item 3 on page 2 and the objection under 35 USC §112, 1st Paragraph in item 2 on page 2 of the Official Action.

Because the changes are all formal in nature, it is respectfully submitted that the changes do not involve new matter.

2. Rejection of Claims 1-7 Under 35 USC §102(e) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,552,488 (Roitman)

This rejection is respectfully traversed on the grounds that the Roitman patent fails to disclose or suggest sealing the electro-luminescent element into a **single** protective **piece formed** under a **variety** of **selected conditions or materials**, for example, multiple temperatures, pressures, timings, toolings, as claimed. By varying the conditions prevailing during formation of the single protective piece, a greater variety of lighting effects can be obtained.

3. Double Patenting Rejection

This rejection is also respectfully traversed on the grounds that the copending application does not recite the presently claimed variety of materials and conditions.

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Having thus overcome each of the rejections made in the Official Action, withdrawal of the rejections and expedited passage of the application to issue is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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